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INMATES PARTICIPATE IN LOCKS OF LOVE

Children who have lost their hair because of illness are getting help from female inmates serving time in the Arizona Department of Corrections.

On Monday, April 24, inmates at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Perryville will have their hair cut so the “locks” can be used to make custom-fitted hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

The female offenders will not only donate their hair, they will also pay \$20 for those haircuts with the proceeds going to *Locks of Love*

Locks of Love is a national non-profit organization that helps children restore their self-esteem and confidence enabling them to face the world and their peers. Most of the children who receive hairpieces from *Locks of Love* have lost their hair due to a medical condition called *alopecia areata*, which has no known cause or cure. . Last year inmates raised more than \$6,000 for the organization and donated nearly 150 feet of hair

Approximately 25 hairdressers from Rumors Hair Salon of Scottsdale and Visable Changes Haircutters, Scooter’s Hair Design, and Profiles all of Phoenix will volunteer their time to cut the inmates hair.

“I am proud of staff’s efforts to create opportunities for inmates to give to others in need,” Department Director Dora Schriro said. “The inmate population also stepped up and is making a contribution. Their teamwork with community-based organizations like *Locks of Love* is outstanding.”

ADC is asking that media to arrive at 9:15am for this event. Media availability will begin at 9:30am.

- Designated inmates will be available for interviews.
- Appropriate dress required. Jeans and open toed shoes are not permitted.

- Please respond no later than 4pm, Saturday April 22, if you plan to attend by calling Bob Huhn at (602) 320 –3908.